

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

February 19, 2019  
1:00 PM

Senate Finance Room 451-M

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Pursuant to the call of Chairman Maroney, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM in the Senate Finance Room, 451-M.

Silent roll call was taken. There being twelve (12) members present, a quorum was established. Present were Chairman Maroney, Vice-Chairman Tarr, Senator Azinger, Senator Maynard, Senator Palumbo, Senator Plymale, Senator Prezioso, Senator Roberts, Senator Rucker, Senator Stollings, Senator Takubo, and Senator Unger.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who introduced a motion to approve the minutes held February 14, 2019. The minutes were approved.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 593 permitting critical access hospital become community outpatient medical center. Counsel Dellinger responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who moved that Senate Bill 593 be reported with recommendation to pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was passed.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 564 and the proposed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 564 expanding comprehensive coverage for pregnant women through Medicaid. Counsel Dellinger responded to questions from the committee.

With leave of the committee, Cynthia Beane, Medical Services Commissioner, DHHR, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the committee and responded to questions regarding SB564.

With leave of the committee, Stacey Shamblin, Acting Director for CHIPS, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the committee and responded to questions regarding SB564.

With leave of the committee, Renate Pore, a health associate advocate, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the committee regarding SB564.

Chairman Maroney presented the question to the Committee for agreement upon the Committee Substitute for SB564. All voted in favor of the Committee Substitute and it was adopted.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who moved that the Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 564 be reported with recommendation to pass, but under the original double reference, first to be referred to the Committee on Finance. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was passed.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 80 establishing tax credit for practicing physicians locating in West Virginia. Counsel Dellinger responded to questions from the committee.

Chairman Maroney asked if there were any amendments to SB80. Senator Stollings made a motion to amend SB80 from the proposed 100% tax credit provided to physicians for three years to a 50% tax credit to be provided to physicians for three years.

Chairman Maroney presented the question to the Committee regarding Senator Stollings' amendment to SB80 to provide a 50% tax credit to physicians for a period of three years. All voted in favor of the amendment.

Senator Stollings also moved that the amendment to SB80 be placed into a Committee Substitute. Chairman Maroney presented the question to the Committee. All voted in favor of a committee substitute.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 80 be reported with recommendation to pass, but under the original double reference, first to be referred to the Committee on Finance. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was passed.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 641 relating to Primary Care Support Program. Counsel Dellinger responded to questions from the committee.

With leave of the committee, Dr. Catherine C. Slemp, Interim Commissioner for the WV Bureau of Public Health, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the committee and responded to questions regarding SB641.

With leave of the committee, Matt Walker on behalf of WV Primary Care Association, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the committee and responded to questions regarding SB641.

Senator Plymale made a motion to amend SB641 to provide that all funds designated to federally qualified health centers may be transferred to Medicaid. Chairman Maroney presented the question to the Committee regarding Senator Plymale's amendment to SB641. All voted in favor of the amendment.

Counsel suggested that the amendment be placed into a Committee Substitute. Chairman Maroney presented the question to the Committee. All voted in favor of a Committee Substitute.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 641 be reported with recommendation to pass, but under the original double reference, first to be referred to the Committee on Finance. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was passed.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 537 and a proposed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 537 creating workgroup to review hospice need standards. Counsel responded to questions from the committee.

Senator Plymale moved to amend the Committee Substitute for SB537 to include “The Dean of the Marshall University Joan c. Edwards School of Medicine” and “a representative from the West Virginia Nurses Association.” Chairman Maroney presented the question to the Committee regarding Senator Plymale’s suggested amendments. The amendments were adopted.

Senator Rucker moved to amend the Committee Substitute for SB537 so that an equal number of providers selected shall reside in each congressional district. Chairman Maroney presented the question to the Committee regarding Senator Rucker’s suggested amendment. The amendment was adopted.

Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Tarr who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 537, as amended, be reported with recommendation to pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was passed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Vice-Chairman Tarr moved to adjourn. Chairman Maroney put the question on the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Maroney, Chairman

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Terri Varney, Committee Clerk/Analyst